

COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

April 3, 2007

**Aldermen Garrity, O'Neil,
Osborne, Gatsas, Duval**

Immediately following Bills on Second Reading

**Aldermanic Chambers
City Hall (3rd Floor)**

Chairman Garrity called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Garrity, O'Neil, Osborne, Gatsas, Duval

3. Discussion relative to funding of the Hallsville School roof repairs.

A handout was provided to members.

Alderman Osborne moved for discussion. Alderman Duval duly seconded the motion.

Mayor Guinta addressed the Committee stating I wanted to reiterate the plan that we were able to identify and spoke with Alderman Shea about who appears to be in full support of it. As you know Hallsville School is in dire need of repair. The total cost of the project is \$610,000 when you subtract the \$20,000 that has been removed from the Ash Street account it's a total of \$590,000 that is needed. What we are recommending is \$370,000 be appropriated this evening. That money is coming from the Notre Dame Bridge Fire reimbursement account which can be used for this type of appropriation and then there is \$120,000 appropriated in the FY08 CIP and then a final appropriation would be required in FY09 CIP of \$100,000 which I would commit to and this Board can commit to simply by acknowledging the total cost of the project and voting to support the total cost of the project. I think this is a clear critical need. I can certainly had a conversation with Alderman Shea and thank him for being here but it appears as though this has gained his support and we do understand in reaching out to the potential contractor that the time line that is required is over two summers due to the nature of the contract work, so even if we wanted to complete it in one we couldn't, due to the nature of the work. So I submit that for your review and approval and hope that you do authorize that as it is a clear need.

Alderman Shea stated I wish to thank the mayor for his involvement which shows commitment to the people and the students at Hallsville School and I know that we've discussed it at length regarding the necessity for it I don't want to beat the horse to death but I appreciate your personal involvement. The contract is due the end of this month and I would ask my Board members to support this.

Alderman O'Neil stated you mentioned a balance of \$100,000.

Mayor Guinta noted the \$120,000 in the FY08 CIP Cash, and then it would require \$100,000 in the FY09 CIP Cash, which we can agree to, and I would agree to it today, and we can agree to it simply by acknowledging the contract and voting for the contract.

Alderman O'Neil moved to approve the recommendation for the Hallsville School repairs. Alderman Osborne duly seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Blacksmith Shop Site Acquisition Discussion

Robert MacKenzie, Planning Director, addressed the Committee stating the Board had asked that I look at ways to make sure that the City could purchase the Blacksmith Shop site. I did work with five city departments, we have come up to an agreement in principal with the Netches that would include \$115,000 for the property and the City at a later point would be responsible for demolishing the building. We have identified the source of the funding, and at this point we are recommending that the Committee proceed with approving these and at the full Board tonight I would be asking that Board then approve the purchase of the property and authorize the execution of a purchase and sales agreement.

Alderman O'Neil moved to approve the recommendation with regard to acquisition of the site. Alderman Duval seconded the motion. The motion carried with none recorded in opposition.

Communication from Police Department regarding MER Account

Chairman Garrity noted there was a police cruiser that was totaled, the insurance is paying \$8,325 for the cruiser and there is a little over \$15,000 dedicated to the Police Department so they are requesting that they be approved to purchase a new cruiser in the amount of \$23,415.

Alderman O'Neil asked for clarification that the balance numbers were correct, and they were initially slated for police and not being taken away from another department.

Chairman Garrity so concurred stating he had checked into it with the appropriate parties.

On motion of Alderman Osborne, duly seconded by Alderman O'Neil, it was voted to approve the request.

There being no further business, on motion of Alderman Duval, duly seconded by Alderman O'Neil, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee